of the project cost. This scheme is being implemented through Public Sector Banks, Regional Rural Banks, etc.

Base camps of insurgent groups in bangladesh

*71. SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large numebr of insurgent groups operating in different North-Eastern States are having their base camps in Bangladesh;

(b) whether Bangladesh Government has been approached not to give shelter to these insurgent outfits in Bangladesh; and

(c) if so, what has been the response from Bangladesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This matter has been taken up with the Government of Bangladesh at various levels, most recently during the Foreign Secretary level talks held in Dhaka on 29-30th April, 2003 and during the recent visit of the Extenal Affairs Minister to Dhaka on 14-15th July, 2003 for the 6th meeting of the Joint Economic Commission.

(c) The Government of Bangladesh continues to reiterate its commitment not to allow its territory to be used for activities prejudicial to the interest of India.

Economic growth rate of States

*72. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the economic growth rate per annum in the last one decade in Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat and Jharkhand; and

(b) the utilisation of funds in the above States during the above mentioned period?